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Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2032, asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th November 1961, page 360 supra]

Regarding the recommendations of the Southern Regional Committee and action taken thereon by the Government.

(*a*) The following decisions were reached at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Southern Regional Committee held on 21st November 1960 :—

(i) The distribution of seats for the purpose of admissions in the Government and non-Government technical institutions in the region on district-wise and regional basis should be abolished as early as possible.

(ii) The children of the Central Government servants and employees of private and public enterprises who are not natives of the State where they are living, may also be considered along with other students, on the basis of merit, for admission, provided that the candidates has the Collegiate or Higher Secondary Education in one of the colleges in that particular State.

(iii) The difference in the minimum qualifying marks prescribed for candidates under open seats and for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes should not be more than 10.

(iv) The minimum age-limit be 16 ; the maximum age-limit of 21 should not be rigidly enforced and may be relaxed in deserving cases ; and

The percentage of marks allotted for interview should not exceed 15 per cent of the total maximum marks on the basis of which the selections are made till a suitable method is evolved for admission of candidates for technical institutions.

(*b*) The State Government had already examined the points raised by the Southern Regional Committee even before, and the decisions taken thereon are indicated below :—

(1) No change is needed in the basis of selection for admission of students to the Engineering Colleges in this State in 1961–62.

(2) The children of Central Government servants who are not domiciles of this State, have been permitted to apply for admission to Engineering Colleges along with other candidates, on the basis of merit, provided that the Central Government servants served the State at the time of making the application.

(3) The minimum qualification required for admission to an Engineering College is C in either Mathematics or Physical Science and D in the other subject in the Pre-University Examination while the minimum qualification required for a candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes is a mere pass. The question

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of prescribing a separate minimum, other than a mere pass, for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes was considered by the Government and it was decided that during 1961-62 the *status quo* should be maintained.

(4) The maximum number of marks prescribed by the Government for admission into the Engineering Colleges is 275 and this consists of—

(*a*) seventy-five marks awarded by the Selection Committee on the basis of the assessment of suitability of the candidates at the time of interview ;

(*b*) two hundred marks awarded by the University in the Pre-University Examination—100 for Mathematics and 100 for Physical Science.

The candidates who get the maximum marks in the aggregate both in the interview and on the basis of the Pre-University Examination are selected. It is not proposed at present to reduce the marks to be awarded at the time of interview.

APPENDIX II.

[*Vide* answer to clauses (*d*) and (*e*) of starred question No. 2038 asked by Sri A. Govindasami (on behalf of Sri M. Selvaraj) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th November 1961, page 368 supra.]

Resolutions passed by the Advisory Committee of the Government Hospital, Vriddhachalam, and action taken thereon.

Resolutions.	Action taken or remarks.
(1)	(2)
1. Resolved to request the Director of Medical Services to acquire 3 acres of land in north and east of the hospital for its expansion.	A gentleman of Vriddhachalam has offered to donate his land which lies adjacent to the hospital for carrying out hospital improvements. The Director of Medical Services is taking necessary action in this regard.
2. To construct a separate ward for maternity cases.	It is proposed to provide more beds for maternity cases also when the question of expansion of the hospital with 40 beds is taken up for implementation.
3. Resolved to request the Public Works Department to remove the old electric wiring and to give separate service connection.	Special repairs, including the provision of new wiring to the institution are being done at an estimated cost of Rs. 8,000.